

Intermediate  
School  
District 917

## Intermediate School District 917

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### ISD 917 BOARD NOTES

June 12, 2018

### Regular Board Meeting

## GOOD NEWS-DCALS



Students had an opportunity to visit and tour the Air Force Training center near Fort Snelling. They learned about the possible career pathways within the Air Force Reserves. Air Force Reserves Field Trip: On Monday, June 4th, a group of DCALS and DCALS North students along with **John Pereda and Erin Hale-Sanford** toured the Air Force Reserve base. Students were able to listen to a number of soldiers' stories on why they enlisted and why they chose the Air Force Reserves. Students were then lead on a tour around the base which is located on the North end of MSP International Airport. While on the tour, students were able to see a number of different careers in action. The highlight of the tour was being able to go into a C130, cargo area and flight deck.



## PERSONNEL

Alyssa Bailey, Classroom Assistant, effective May 21, 2018. Jamie Dalbesio, Assistant Director of Special Education, effective July 1, 2018. Allison Darnell, Special Education Teacher, effective August 23, 2018 (from Classroom Assistant to Special Education Teacher). Dale Engman, Computer Network Teacher, effective August 27, 2018. Nancy Issa, Classroom Assistant, effective May 8, 2018. Kathryn Kettler, Mental Health Practitioner, effective August 23, 2018 (from Program Assistant to Mental Health Practitioner). Amber Kurten, Special Education Teacher, effective August 23, 2018. Anna Lamphere, Mental Health Practitioner, effective August 23, 2018. Madeline Laux, Occupational Therapist, effective August 23, 2018. Karissa Martin, Mental Health Practitioner, effective August 23, 2018. Troy Neumann, Classroom Assistant, effective May 10, 2018. Allison Peanasky, School Social Worker, effective August 23, 2018. Michelle Stromme, Classroom Assistant, effective May 10, 2018. Becky Wilkerson, Classroom Assistant, effective May 4, 2018 (from Student Assistant to Classroom Assistant). *Rehires:* Jacob Bauer, Special Education Teacher Community Expert, effective August 24, 2018. Lauren Dame, Special Education Teacher Community Expert, effective August 24, 2018. Timothy Davis, Long-Term Substitute Teacher-DCALS, effective August 27, 2018, through January 21, 2019. Patricia Eldred, Physical & Health Disabilities Teacher, effective August 27, 2018. Thomas Garding, Special Education Teacher Community Expert, effective August 24, 2018. Sharri McGibbon, Special Education Teacher Community Expert, effective August 24, 2018. Amanda Pagel, Licensed School Nurse, effective August 27, 2018. Matthew Trainer, Special Education Teacher, effective August 27, 2018 (from Community Expert to Special Education Teacher). Heather Webb, Special Education Teacher Community Expert, effective August 24, 2018. Colleen Weis, Special Education Teacher, effective August 27, 2018. *Change in Status:* Karen Doenges, Speech Language Pathologist, decrease from 1.0 to .8 FTE (148 days at 8 hours per day), effective August 27, 2018, for the 2018-2019 school year only. Roxann Johnson, Teacher of Deaf/Hard of Hearing, decrease from .8 to .4 FTE (74 days at 8 hours per day) effective August 27, 2018, for the 2018-2019 school year only. Sarah Johnson, Orientation and Mobility Specialist, continue at .6 FTE (114 days at 8 hours per day) effective August 27, 2018, for the 2018-2019 school year only. Lori Klein, Teacher of Visually Impaired, maternity disability leave effective on or about September 10, 2018, with an expected return date of October 29, 2018. Linda Lacher Goddard, Speech Language Pathologist, decrease from .7 to .6 FTE (148 days at 6 hours per day), effective August 27, 2018, for the 2018-2019 school year only. Emily Mateo, English /Communications Teacher, extend leave request through January 21, 2018.

## Calendar Information

**July 10, 2018—5:00 PM**, School Board Organizational and Regular Meeting, 917 Board Room



## PERSONNEL- continued

Patricia Mattos, Enrollment Coordinator/Dean, continue at 200 days effective July 1, 2018, for the 2018-2019 fiscal year only. Ann Mayes, Dean, effective July 1, 2018 (from Teacher of Deaf/HH-Lead to Dean). John Pereda, Guidance Counselor, continue at 190 days effective August 27, 2018, for the 2018-2019 school year only. Jennifer Petersen, Mental Health Practitioner, effective August 27, 2018 (from Mental Health Professional to Mental Health Practitioner). Sarah Rabe, Teacher of Deaf/Hard of Hearing, continue at .3 FTE (69 days at 6.435 hours per day) effective August 27, 2018, for the 2018-2019 school year only. Laura Schwanz, Administrative Assistant I, increase from 175 days per year to 208 days per year effective July 1, 2018. Trisa Scott, Special Education Teacher, medical leave request effective December 12, 2017, with an undetermined return date. Lynette Spurgin, Program Assistant, medical leave request effective August 30, 2018, with an expected return to work date of August 29, 2019. Heather Stoesz, Speech Language Pathologist, continue at .8 FTE (148 days at 8 hours per day), effective August 27, 2018, for the 2018-2019 school year only. Shanynt Tuftee, Physical Therapist, continue at .7 FTE (129.5 days at 8 hours per day) effective August 27, 2018, for the 2018-2019 school year only. Jenny Cuttle, Classroom Assistant, effective May 24, 2018. Brianna Donohue, Classroom Assistant, effective August 7, 2018. Kyleen Harms, Classroom Assistant, effective June 7, 2018. Nancy Issa, Classroom Assistant, effective May 9, 2018. Nicole Korbel-Hughes, Program Assistant, effective June 7, 2018. Dominique Moran, Classroom Assistant, effective May 15, 2018. Erica Norton, Classroom Assistant, effective June 7, 2018. Leah Palma, Special Education Teacher, effective June 8, 2018. Terra Pingley, Mental Health Practitioner, effective June 8, 2018. Jenna Plank, Program Assistant, effective June 7, 2018. Matthew Priebe, Classroom Assistant, effective May 24, 2018. Shannon Rosenberg, Classroom Assistant, effective August 2, 2018. Lisa Ruhland, Classroom Assistant, effective May 16, 2018. Krista Swanson, Classroom Assistant, effective June 5, 2018. Katey Zahn, Classroom Assistant, effective May 16, 2018.

## Motions, Reports, Resolutions

- Resolution passed pertaining to the termination of employment of support services employees. (Full resolution available in the Superintendent's office.)
- Motion passed approving the budget for 2018-2019 as amended.
- Motion passed approving the long-term facility maintenance expenditure plan.
- Resolution passed approving Dakota County Intermediate School District No. 917's Long-Term Facility Maintenance Program Budget and Authorizing the Inclusion of Those Projects in the District's Application for Long-term Facility Maintenance Program Revenue.
- The Organizational and Regular School Board Meeting for July was set for Tuesday, July 10, 2018, at 5:00 PM.
- **Assistant Director Jennifer Hetland** reported on the Juvenile Service Center Program.
- Motion passed approving the Blood Borne Pathogens Control Plan for 2018-2019.
- Wellness goals were reviewed.
- Motion passed approving policies: 301 School District Administration; 302 Superintendent; 303 Superintendent Selection; 304 Superintendent Contract, Duties and Evaluation; 305 Policy Implementation; 306 Administrator Code of Ethics, final readings.
- Motion passed approving Mark Zuzek as Identified Official with Authority to approve access to the External User Access Recertification System for MDE.
- Motion passed approving the following contracts: Board Certified Behavior Analysts, Licensed Independent Clinical Social worker, Mental Health Coordinator, Licensed Psychologist, Buyer, Custodial, Human Resource Specialist, Computer Network Specialist, Payroll Assistant, Admin. Assistant Personnel, Executive Assistant.
- Motion passed approving the renewal of Lancer Food Service and ISD 191 Lunch Contracts for 2018-2019.
- Motion passed approving the 2018-2019 school lunch prices.
- Motion passed approving the renewal of school resource officer with Dakota County for Alliance Education Center.
- Resolution passed Authorizing the Superintendent or Board Chair to Authorize Execution of Legal Documents (TIES Dissolution, Sale of TIES Building, MJPA Closing).
- Motion passed adopting the Model Plan for Lead in School Drinking Water.

## Baby Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Danielle Hewitt, Classroom Assistant at Alliance** and **Paul Roush** on the birth of their son **Wesley Howard Roush**, born April 22, 2018, at 12:40 AM, 8 pounds 11 oz, and 21.1.4 inches long. Proud Grandma is Business Manager **Nicolle Roush**.



## GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- Congratulations to **Colleen Weis, Special Education Teacher at Alliance**, who received her doctoral at Bethel University on Sunday, May 27, 2018.
- In other news, **Alliance Education Center** has been celebrating the last few weeks of school with daily activities through our "Alphabet Days" activities. There have been sports tournaments such as kickball, softball, basketball, and baseball. It has been tremendous to see the camaraderie of the staff and students alike. There have also been theme days such as hat day, jersey day, and color day.
- Alliance Education Center had a public safety day on Wednesday May 23, 2018 where students had an opportunity to experience and meet with public service members such as law enforcement, firefighters, and EMTs. Eight of students (four high school and four middle school) participated in the Minnesota seatbelt challenge on this day as well. The top four teams in the state receive a prize and public acknowledgment through the Minnesota Juvenile Officers Association (MNJOA).



- As part of team building and community outreach experiences at Alliance Education Center, a team was formed to run in a 5K run/walk for autism awareness on May 19<sup>th</sup> in Minneapolis at Calhoun Park. Pictures are attached of all those who woke up early and got their heart rates up for an amazing cause.

## GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- On May 10, 2018 Community Participation Day for middle school students with visual impairments took place at the Xcel Center. Students got a private tour of the home of the Minnesota Wild. **Hastings Middle School student, Emma**, was able to join in with her friends and tour the building. While they were not allowed to enter the team locker room, they were able to see the visitor locker room. The students were able to see the press area, visit a couple of the private suites, walk out where the teams would skate out, and look for their school's high school hockey jersey on display. Many thought the up-close and personal look at the Zamboni was the best.



- Greg Zanon, retired NHL player and player with the Wild 2009-2012**, came to talk with the students and answer questions. The best thing he shared was an organization that he is affiliated with that brings hockey to everyone! Minnesota Special Hockey is an adapted ice hockey program for players of all ages with developmental disabilities. They are proud to have over 220 players in 13 cities across the state of Minnesota. Players as young as seven years old and as old as 50+, are able to join neighborhood teams grouped according to age and ability in order to play hockey to the best of their abilities. Hockey is expensive but through their generous sponsors, ice time and equipment loan program are available for those who need the assist.
- Students from the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Program at Gideon Pond have had the opportunity to explore Zot Artz! Zot Artz makes adaptable art tools for children with disabilities. They had fun using pinwheels in the wind, chalk walk, roll to draw, and pogo painting poles!



## GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- Students in the SUN program at Cedar School took a tour of the Star Tribune Heritage Center which is the printing plant in Minneapolis. The tour guide was a former reporter for the paper, and she shared her experience working for the paper. She also discussed how the paper has changed over time. The students learned that the plant currently prints three newspapers: The Star Tribune, The Pioneer Press and The New York Times. The students also learned about the plant operations, steps to producing the daily newspaper and the jobs involved with printing and distribution. The students really enjoyed seeing how the huge rolls of paper arrived by trains from Canada, and how they are moved by robots and placed on the printing presses. They also thought it was cool to see how fast the paper is printed and that it is printed four times to get all the color ink on to the pages.



- As part of their transition job skills class, students in the SUN program at Cedar School volunteered at This Old Horse at The Wishbone Ranch in Hastings. Students helped to muck the stalls and sweep the barn. They also got a tour of the facility and learned about the different horses. Their favorite part was learning some basic skills in caring for a horse and getting to help to groom a horse. They are looking forward to serving there again.



## GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- Two students in a middle school classroom in the SUN program at Cedar School reached their goals for outside reading. As a reward, **Zach Royce and Jimmy McKenna** earned a trip to Grand Slam. Their favorite activities were mini golf, laser tag, and the batting cages.



- The student council at Lebanon Education Center spent a couple of weeks planning a spring dance. After a lot of deliberation, the council decided on a masquerade theme. The council members created the posters, developed the playlist, and put together a shopping list for snacks. Some of the students went with staff to purchase decorations as well as supplies for a "make your own popcorn snack mix" bar. Classes worked together to make the masks; we have some REALLY creative students! As part of the decorations, ALL of the Lynx Pride tickets the students had earned this year were stapled together used as streamers. All the students and staff had a GREAT time!!



## GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- This year, **Jennifer Troy from Paws for Learning** and her dogs have been visiting students at Lebanon Education Center and Cedar School weekly. Some of the dogs who have visited are Charlie (Great Dane), Frannie (beagle/pug mix), and Annie (black lab). Jennifer teaches social skills lessons using the interactions between the students and dogs. Lesson topics have included self-care (emotional and physical), calming strategies, noticing, and understanding signs of stress in the dogs and in our own bodies, following directions, taking turns, and breaking big goals into manageable tasks. The students LOVE “dog day” and frequently comment that having the dogs visit provides motivation throughout the day.



- On April 27<sup>th</sup> the DASH classroom at Henry Sibley High School hosted their 8<sup>th</sup> annual science fair. Each student chose their science project. The topics ranged from cloning cabbage, to inertia, to testing how music affects the heart rate. The students presented their projects to staff, students, and family.



## GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- At Alliance Education Center, as the end of the year is approaching we have been working with our member districts to determine needs of our students in the fall. We have quite a few students starting their transitions back to mainstream as well as students moving on to alternative programming. A huge thank you to our member district coordinators and directors who collaborate with us to plan for these students. We are so proud of the following students:
- **The following students will be starting to transition with a few classes in our member districts:**
  - IDEA
    - Keyon Woodberry (Lakeville High School)
    - Jacob Pereira (Farmington High School)
    - Andrew Steele (Hastings Middle School)
    - Michael Satre (West St. Paul High School)
    - Janiya Vann (Burnsville Middle School)
- **The following students are either increasing their current class load our member districts or returning to our member districts fulltime:**
  - IDEA
    - Kendrick Hill-Hester (Bloomington High School)
  - SUN
    - Lauren Ziehwein (Farmington)
- **The following students will be entering alternative programs:**
  - IDEA
    - Savion Matlock (South St. Paul) Starting classes at DCTC in the fall
    - Maleka Love (Burnsville) Starting nursing classes at DCTC in the fall
  - SUN
    - Mary Jo Hannons (Farmington) Transitioning to our TESA program full-time
    - Angelina Morris (Farmington) Transitioning to our TESA program full-time
    - Christina Lewis (Lakeville) Transitioning to our TESA program full-time
    - Rayshon Trowbridge (Lakeville) Moving to our PACES program full-time
    - Bennett Korba (Lakeville) Moving to our PACES program full-time

## GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- Eight teachers from ISD 917 presented one or more sessions at Charting the C's this year. The "Cs" in Charting the Cs stands for collaboration, cooperation, and communication. The conference has focused on promoting the use of technology to support student success for many years. The conference now also has a focus on cross-categorical collaboration to address student needs. At the conference, **Taylor Thomas and Brenda Szoka** shared their expertise on using a green screen during their session at the conference titled *Teaching Self-Advocacy and Literacy through the Use of a Green Screen and Educational Technology*. Taylor also presented two sessions on *Making YouTube Videos Accessible through Closed Captioning* and *Community Contributions*. **Lori Klein** shared about using a 3D printer to create learning materials in her session titled *Learning Materials Made Easy: 3D Printing*. AJ Boehmer and Amanda Peters presented a session titled *Go to Apps for Inclusion*. Several members of the physical health disabilities team, including **Kelli Proulx, Addie Geske, Holly Pemble, and Amanda Peters** presented a session titled *Access to Digital Materials for Students with Physical Impairments*. The ISD 917 Assistive Technology team also presented a poster session where conference attendees could see the AT resources developed and used by the district and attendees could experience using a green screen and making a low-tech sound bar. ISD 917 conference attendees are pictured by the Eiffel Tower thanks to use of a green screen and the DoInk app during the poster session.



## GOOD NEWS—DCALS

- A Go Fund Me on Facebook collected funds for the **Karen O'Brien Trust Fund** this month. This account was made in honor of our past CTE Director that started our secondary programs with ISD 917. This fund is to help students who have financial hardships for them to attend SkillsUSA conferences to supplement their CTE training with additional leadership and skills training and competitions. This year all three of our students attending the Skills Conference have that hardship.

The following people donated to that fund to help out students for their National Trip. Each student needed \$850.00, a total of \$2550.00

Tracy & Owen Goelke - \$500.00 - Parents of a past Graphics Student who attended 3 years ago.

Trina Walter - \$350.00 - Instructor/Advisor

Kevin and Ann Faulds - \$100.00 - Karen O'Brien's Brother and Sister In-Law

Amy O'Brien - \$250.00 - Karen O'Brien's Daughter

Sheri Kuntz - \$200.00 - Past Business Occupations Instructor

Eileen Daly - \$100 .00 - Go Fund Me Donation

Linda McPherson - \$100.00 - Retired Secretary of Operations at DCTC

Brian Cunicelli - \$100.00 - His Grandmother donated

Jennifer Dynan raised money for her son, Nolan on Go Fund Me as well with her family and friends. They raised over \$1000.00 so he has money for meals.

- As of today at 11:45 am we have 123 confirmed graduates. That is up from 98 at this same time last year. We also have 52 seniors who will finish with Mod 12 grades and/or summer school.



- Interest for enrollment for next year has increased from last year. I don't have specific numbers, but we have 35 applications between regular and special ed students as of now with apps coming in daily. Last year at this time we may have had a dozen.
- Our DCALS North campus had 36 graduates for our program on Wednesday.

## GOOD NEWS—DCALS

- Fundamental Chef Training students and staff will be providing the food and beverage for Burnsville High School's Hall of Fame event on September 14, 2018.
- The Amazon wishlist has been extremely successful. We've been able to give out backpacks full of food and toiletries to students that are in between housing or struggling financially. We've also been able to hand out food to hungry students during the school day. Students have been very grateful.



### The Students of Distinction for the school year 2017 - 2018 will be presented as follows: ALL STUDENTS INVOLVED IN SkillsUSA WILL ALSO BE RECOGNIZED ON STAGE TONIGHT.

#### Career Exploration and Evaluation Program:

Ana Pieri..... Lakeville South HS  
 J. F. Nunn..... Alliance Education Center  
 Caleb Dove..... Branchout - Sibley Transition  
 Christopher Gallan..... Branchout - Sibley Transition  
 Alex Winters..... Lakeville South HS  
 Anyah Lyons..... Lakeville South HS

#### Computer Networking Computer Service & Repair and Video Game Design:

Seth Miller..... Farmington HS - VGD  
 Cassandra Rubert..... Farmington HS - VGD  
 Catelyn Swendiman..... Farmington HS - VGD  
 Alan Vu..... Farmington HS - CSR  
 Eric Pitschl..... Simley HS - VGD  
 Dames Betcher..... Simley HS - VGD  
 Mason Wolfe..... Bloomington Jefferson HS - NW  
 Ryan Switzer..... Bloomington Jefferson HS - NW

#### Construction Trades:

Andrew Carlson..... Lakeville North HS  
 Austin Flaherty..... Simley HS  
 Zachary Svenningson..... Bloomington Jefferson HS  
 Keegan Tietz..... Farmington HS  
 Andrew Nowatich..... Farmington HS

#### Food Industry Careers:

Kombe Khawi..... TESA - Lakeville South  
 Jordan Henning..... Cedar School - So. St. Paul  
 Mariab Hall..... Bloomington Kennedy HS  
 Yesenia Lopez-Mendoza..... Bloomington Kennedy HS  
 Evelin Lopez-Mendoza..... Bloomington Kennedy HS  
 Leihla Wilson..... Bloomington Jefferson HS

#### Fundamental Chef:

Ben Kropel..... Farmington HS  
 Nestor Jara-Salto..... Branchout - Sibley Transition  
 Robert McDonough..... Branchout - Sibley Transition  
 Mitchell Niebur..... Randolph HS  
 Tyler Schenfeld..... TESA - So. St. Paul  
 Levi Venenematt..... Sibley HS  
 Gavin Wilkerson..... Lakeville Alt Learning Ctr  
 Breanne Bennett..... Lakeville South HS  
 Riley Hanback..... Lakeville South HS  
 Victoria McGrath..... Hastings HS  
 Katelyn Mitchell..... Bloomington Jefferson HS

#### Graphic Design Technology:

Sam Shockley..... Farmington HS  
 Brian Cunicelli..... Farmington HS  
 Jamal Dedeker..... BEST - Burnsville Transition  
 Nolan Dyan..... TESA - Eagan  
 Holly Hanes..... Lakeville South HS  
 Deiondre Ramdin..... BEST - Burnsville Transition

#### SkillsUSA Participants

Brian Cunicelli..... Farmington HS  
 Nolan Dyan..... TESA - Eagan  
 Michaela Langeness..... Farmington HS

#### Heavy Duty Truck Technology Program:

Garrett Pals..... Farmington HS  
 Matthew Menalis..... Farmington HS  
 Yevgeniy Bak..... BEST - Burnsville Transition  
 Anthony Ventura..... Simley HS  
 George Flores-Nava..... BEST - Burnsville Transition  
 Williams White..... Bloomington Jefferson HS

#### Medical Careers Program:

Justine Beal..... Farmington HS  
 Michaela Langeness..... Farmington HS  
 Aja Laws..... Farmington HS  
 Natalka Mak..... Farmington HS  
 Grace Westerlund..... Farmington HS  
 Victoria McGrath..... Hastings HS  
 Yesica Mercado-Munoz..... Simley HS  
 Julia Miller..... Randolph HS  
 Heidi Peterson..... Simley HS  
 MacKenzie Swanson..... Lakeville South HS

#### Total Auto Care:

Adam Schultz..... Farmington HS  
 Christopher Tile..... Farmington HS  
 Tyler Fischer..... DCALS - Farmington  
 Jordan Henning..... Cedar School - So. St. Paul  
 Damion Costanzo..... Simley HS  
 Austin Krumm..... Bloomington Jefferson HS


 Thank you for coming to support & recognize these Students of Distinction. Out of Respect for all of these students and their achievements we encourage you TO STAY FOR THE ENTIRE AWARDS CEREMONY.  
 Thank You!



### ISD 917 Career & Technical Education Program Student of Distinction Awards Program

May 22, 2018 • 6:00 p.m. • Dakota Room

Music - "You Gotta Be..." by De'Vine  
Aja Laws, Medical Careers Student

Welcome  
Eric Van Brocklin, Secondary Principal

District Address  
John Christiansen, Superintendent

Guest Speaker  
Jeremy LaBeau - Regional Manager for Installed Building Solutions

Master of Ceremonies  
Dotty LaBeau, CTE Lead Teacher

Presentation of Certificates  
First Seven CTE Programs  
Career & Technical Education Teachers

Student Organization Participants  
Trina Walter - SkillsUSA Advisor

Presentation of Certificates  
Last Four CTE Programs  
Career & Technical Education Teachers

For Even More Information About  
ISD 917 CTE Programs, check us out at [www.isd917.k12.mn.us](http://www.isd917.k12.mn.us)

- On May 22<sup>nd</sup> our Career and Technical Education programs held their annual Student of Distinction program in the Dakota Room. This program recognizes those students from our member districts who have exhibited high skill levels within their chosen programs. This year we had a guest speaker, **Jeremy LaBeau who is the Regional Manager for Installed Building Solutions of Farmington.** Jeremy has agreed to provide the materials for our Construction Trades program to build a house next school year. He also helped coordinate employees from his company to show our students insulation processes within our current house project.

## GOOD NEWS—DCALS

- DCALS went to Feed My Starving Children to celebrate graduates and end of school year. Our students mingled with other younger school groups to be role models and help keep the flow of Veggies, vitamins, protein, and rice going. We took three vans as enthusiasm was strong on Wednesday the 6th. **Lynn Morris, Adam Rachuy, and Timothy Davis** all joined in on the fun. One our students, **Maddie W.** received the "Hope" T-shirt from Feed My Starving Children. Our helpful students were phenomenal helping younger students pack food as well as help the global community of children.
- Elympics: On May 10th a group of DCALS students participated in the Elympics hosted by the St. Croix Valley ALC. This is a quiz-type competition based on students being able to not only answer the questions they know, but to also be able to problem solve how to find the answers. Once again DCALS placed in the top ten; placing ninth out of 32 teams. The students who represented us were: **Kelly Adamson, Chase Butarac, Lydia Johnson, Devin Levior, Luis Oliva, Kaylee Pratner, Jamil Robinson, Emanuella Vagne, and Sincere White.**

Sample Questions:

Which avenues are interrupted by Lakewood Cemetery in South Minneapolis, Minnesota?

Answer: Hennepin, Irving, James, Humboldt, Holmes, Girard, Freemont, Emerson

How many gifts would you receive if you received all the gifts stated in the song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas?" Answer: 364

The marquee on an old theater was too short to fit the names of the many movies so the manager instructed the sign boy to leave out the vowels and spaces. What movies are currently playing?

CSBLNC

NMLHS

THDDCPL

JWS

Answers: Casablanca, Animal House, The Odd Couple, Jaws. **Erin Hale-Sanford** was the staff member from DCALS who served as the sponsor.



## GOOD NEWS—DCALS-Medical Careers

- Seven students took the CNA test. All passed the written and two failed the skills. Retests are scheduled already, they are still moving forward despite this little setback. We have 5 new CNA's today, and 2 more in a week!
- This is WHY I teach and LOVE my job! Now, I will sit here and enjoy my happy tears running down my cheek! Heidi is the young lady who brought tears to Student of Distinction . . . (Carol Lundquist)  
*Hey carol. I had an amazing time at clinical today. Yes I started off very nervous and naturally I get the first task to feed a resident. Each of us got assigned to one and again, naturally I get that hardest one. I got a very sweet lady, but me and Rita are pretty sure she had dementia. I had to have the food touch her lips for her to know it was there. I talked with her and kept her company as well as I could as she was zoning off and mumbling things that I could'nt understand. Although she responded very well when I said I had ice cream, here it comes and man did she open her mouth quick haha. Then after dinner we got assigned our official resident for Saturday and Sunday. ONCE again I get one of the harder ones. Well me and grace got one of the harder ones. We have to use a hower lift on her but man she is such a dang sweetheart. Last but not least we got to go and play bingo with the residents. It was so darn cute I couldn't help but sit there and smile ear to ear as I watched them place a chip a number and then someone yelling bingo in excitant and picking out a little stuffed animal. It was so darn cute. Anyways thank you for getting me this far in my future career and teaching me what u have. See you tomorrow!!!*

### Completion of Medical Careers

- What a whirlwind year of excitement, ups and downs, happy tears and sad tears . . . especially when the end of the year is here! However, they all made it, the hard work and hardships did pay off. Some students made a few mistakes but they signed back up again and corrected them. All of these students amaze Becky an myself! We first had the Skills USA State Assessments with some students passed early on during their pretest . . . And have already earned their "Skills Point Certificate" for placement in their portfolio right away. Others took the posttest Nursing Assisting Exam, and 98 percent passed with flying colors!

Clinical rotations were amazing, our Adjunct RN's, **Rita Winkler and Marcy Borhardt** were thrilled with their excitement and skill sets! We had 17 students complete and pass their skills.

Next comes the State of Minnesota State Certification Exam. Tests were offered June 1, June 6, June 11, June 20, and June 25<sup>th</sup>. So far, covering the dates of June 1, June 6, and June 11 . . . We have introduced 15 students who are now Certified Nursing Assistants. We have more students registered on June 20 and June25. WHEW!

We obviously have some pretty happy and proud professional CNA's, along with their teachers. Apologize for no pictures, however they will be sent in the next good news to the School Board!

Carol Lundquist and Becky Rachuy

